

The Way of Our World

Builders in New York are planning a 10-story building.

A freshman will enter Northwest this semester who weighs 310 pounds.

An annual auction of stray dogs has been held at Fredericksburg, Va., since 1864.

On the island of Rotuma in the Pacific group, nearly all the inhabitants have influenza.

The best seats for the inaugural of the president in the spring will be sold for \$7.50.

The London Underground Railway has installed automatic ticket vending machines in its stations.

A spring style show in Chicago predicts "gently rounded curves" for women in the spring.

"Never too old to wed" says a Santa Fe, N. Mex., man, 96, who took a 90-year-old wife.

The city editor of the Altus, Okla., Times-Democrat, a girl, has been appointed deputy sheriff.

Romeo and Juliet, New York Zoo giraffes, have a son, 5 feet high, with a two-and-a-half foot neck.

A five-year-old project to build a tunnel under the English Channel is to be discussed in Parliament.

After "a little argument over a point of law," two Chicago lawyers had to be separated by policemen.

A 6-year old Memphis girl was fatally burned when her paper party dress caught fire at an open grate.

The 10,000-ton cruiser, Salt Lake City, was launched on the Delaware River at Camden, N. J., recently.

Pupils at an Elmore, Kan., school check their guns at school each morning. They have trapping routes.

Sonora Sanchez, 102 years old, of Mexico, Spain, is on her way to Argentina to join a 72-year-old daughter.

A Pittsburgh judge ruled that a man cannot steal from his wife because what is hers is his and what is his is hers.

An electric violin is on exhibit in New York which is reputed to work practically as if a human being were playing it.

A light house at Cape Race in the North Atlantic has a 1,100,000-candle power light which can be seen for seventy-five miles.

A bill to be introduced to the Michigan Legislature will make a sixty-day jail sentence for drunken drivers mandatory.

A Chicago hospital offered a \$50 prize for the first baby born there "first baby" was twins; so it had to pay double.

All varieties of bananas are seedless and there is no existing knowledge as to how they evolved to their present state.

A retired postman at Freeport, Me., estimates that he has carried 46 tons of mail and walked 108,000 miles in delivering it.

A cemetery has been left to Washburn College, Topeka, Kan. The money from the sale of lots is to be used by the school.

Juveniles were kept imprisoned for hours after they had reached a verdict at Worcester, Mass., because the signal bell did not work.

A small dog with two broken legs was found in a burlap bag in Boston and was taken to the Memorial Hospital where splints were fitted.

The trial of a New Orleans man charged with hold-up will be moved to a hospital so that one of the witnesses, ill with pneumonia, may testify.

Radio messages enabled medical aid to be given an injured trapper, when instructions were wired from Ottawa, Ont., to Hope's Advance in Hudson Strait.

Edward S. Harkness of New York City recently gave Harvard University \$11,392,000 to carry out its plan to subsidize the students into small residential groups.

The New York University campus is desolate, for a statue of Alexander Hamilton was stolen from the Hall of Fame. No fingerprints have been found on the granite supporting the base and no clues were left by the thieves.

LIFE OF WOMEN

IN AFRICA TOLD BY MISSIONARY

Dr. Kellersberger Pictures Conditions in Belgian Congo

WIVES ARE BUT SLAVES

Christianity Is Helping in County Where Polygamy Flourishes

Dr. E. R. Kellersberger, medical missionary in Belgian Congo, spoke Friday afternoon at the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church at the Presbyterian Student Center. He spoke on "Women of Africa."

Women in Africa are merely slaves, chattel, pieces of barter goods, said Dr. Kellersberger. It is so in every country where there has not been the influence of the Christian religion, which gives woman the place she has in the stories of the Bible, "side by side with man working with him in wonderful harmony," he said. The African women are not without longings and desires, but they have been oppressed and held down for generations until they feel themselves inferior.

Women Work; Men Trade

Polygamy is the rule rather than the exception. In many cases a small girl or a new-born baby is pledged to some man as one of his future wives. In the harems of some of the chiefs there are sometimes as many as two or three hundred wives, always, it is said, a head wife. When the women get old the husband trades them off or gives them to some friend as a favor or in return for a favor. The life of the native woman is that of slavery. She must walk miles carrying heavy loads to barter at market for her husband. She must go to the springs for water, which she may be beaten by the jealous wife—more women than men have sleeping sickness because of this, she must do the field work, cut the wood, and do the cooking. The men do a little trading.

When the husband dies, his oldest son inherits all his wives. They must then work for him while he has children by some of them, but continues to trade off his old wives and trades off the old women. There are not many old women in Africa, said Dr. Kellersberger. They are quickly because of their hard labor, then they disappear.

Price of Wives Goes Up

The marriage problem is becoming serious in Africa, he said, because the wealthier chiefs are buying many wives, and the prices have gone up to as much as two and three thousand francs. The poorer natives cannot buy a wife in many cases and the changing conditions make for immorality.

Conditions are especially difficult for the young Christian natives. Many times he is beaten by his relatives when he gives up the old gods, and always it is an awful struggle to break away from an age-old background of superstitions and traditions. When the father of a Christian native dies and the youth inherits his father's wives, the temptation of wealth or the pressure of traditions is sometimes too much and the native goes back to his people and his customs.

Around the women are grouped all the native traditions and superstitions. Some of their ideas and ceremonies are crude, mystical, and often fanatical. When the wife of a Christian native becomes sick, the old women of his family declare that it is because the family's gods have been offended, and by such pressure they may drag the younger people back to the heathen ideas and customs.

Christian Homes Used for Contact

Most of the women, said Dr. Kellersberger, do not seem to care or realize that there is anything better than the lives of misery they often suffer. They have no interest except the drudgery of the moment or the care for a child. Some of the African mothers are beautiful in the care of their children, he said, but the majority of them know nothing of love or marital happiness. Their faces seem blank, dull, expressionless.

To get in touch with these native women, the Christian women and missionaries use the home and home life as a point of contact, once they are aroused from their old life by longing to know more about Christianity.

The native woman lives in a grass hut, cooks in one big pot, and feeds the family out of the same pot. The missionaries make their homes as beautiful as they possibly can, both for their own rest and comfort, and to establish a point of contact with the native women. The change in the native women when they are converted, said Dr. Kellersberger, is marvelous. They become cleaner, they dress differently, their faces take on a new expression, they are completely changed, made clean and new. With their conversion all their superstitions seem to be wiped away. The young Christian natives, both men and women, are doing a wonderful work as evangelists among their people and are living new and beautiful lives of their own.

Clinic for Women Established

The work with the women and children alone, said Dr. Kellersberger, would make all his efforts seem worthwhile a million times over. In his mission now, he said, they have a clinic for women and their babies, and they are showing the mothers how to care for the babies and give them a new pride and pleasure in their children.

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The Weather

For Columbia and vicinity: Snow, sleet or rain late tonight or Sunday; rising temperature tonight; lowest about 28 colder Sunday night.

For Missouri: Rain south, snow or rain north portion probable tonight and Sunday; rising temperature tonight; colder west portion Sunday.

Shippers forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperatures are expected to be about as follows: North 10, East 28, South 34, West 28.

Weather conditions: Following the stormy weather of Thursday sunshine prevailed yesterday over most of the country west of the Mississippi River. Bright skies prevailed this morning in the lower Missouri Valley, all of the Mississippi Valley and east to the Atlantic. It is on the turn to threatening snow over the Plains because another low pressure system is moving east. Temperatures have risen above the zero value in Kansas and Missouri, but zero cold still is prevalent from Nebraska and Iowa back into Canada.

Highest temperature here yesterday was 18; lowest last night, 14.

Weather Outlook for Next Week

For the upper Mississippi and lower Mississippi valleys and the Northern and Central Great Plains—generally fair in extreme north portion most of week, but two or three periods of precipitation probable in south and central portions; continued cold in south portion, mostly near or below normal.

ENTOMBED MINERS' FATE IS UNKNOWN

Eighteen Men Imprisoned at Kingston, W. Va.—One Body Found

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The fate of eighteen men who are entombed by an explosion in No. 5 mine of the Kingston, W. Va., coal company, at Kingston, Fayette County, was undetermined today.

One body has been recovered and rescue crews were being mobilized today under the direction of Robert M. Lambie, chief of the West Virginia Department of Mines, in efforts to reach the imprisoned men. The explosion occurred at 2 a. m. today. Between thirty-five and forty miners escaped through entries on the side of the hill opposite the main entry.

The cause of the blast was not learned. It was so heavy that a blacksmith shop on the surface was damaged and another building was damaged. The body recovered was that of Frank Parker, who was killed outright.

The mine normally employs 500 men. Sixty men were at work when the explosion occurred. The mine is in an isolated section and several hours elapsed before rescue crews could be assembled.

Doctors and nurses were sent to the mines from here this morning. The mine is one of the largest in Fayette County. Proctor Malin, of New York City, is president of the operating company.

WILL PROBATED YESTERDAY

Hezekiah Watson Leaves Wife Two Farms and Personal Goods

The will of Hezekiah Watson was filed yesterday with Arthur Bruton, probate judge. The will, which was probated yesterday, was dated Nov. 19, 1928. The witnesses were Walter Melloway, E. B. Wright, and Helen Streeter.

The will bequeathed to his wife, Laura E. Watson, \$1; to his son, Mansel Watson, \$1; and to his son, William O. Watson, \$1.

He left a farm near New Providence to his wife. After her death, the farm will go to his son, Mansel Watson. Another farm in Boone County was left to his wife. After her death, the farm will pass into the hands of his grandson, Wilford H. Watson, and William Neal Chapman.

The rest of the real estate and all personal property were left to his wife.

DOCTOR SUFFERS BROKEN HIP

Dr. H. S. Gove, Health Board Officer, Injured at Home in Lin. JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Dr. H. S. Gove, vice-president of the State Board of Health and widely-known physician of central Missouri, was in a local hospital today, suffering from a fractured hip.

He was returning from a professional call at his home in Linn when he stepped from his automobile and slipped on the ice.

YALE TO RECEIVE \$2,000,000

Otto T. Bannard Leaves University Part of \$5,000,000 Estate JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—An estate of more than \$5,000,000, of which at least \$2,000,000 will go to Yale University, was disposed of in the will of the late Otto T. Bannard, former president of the New York Trust Company, filed in surrogate court here today.

Bannard died Jan. 16 on board the President Cleveland en route to Manila.

SECRETARY TO JOHNSTON ON STAND TODAY

Mrs. Hammonds Faces Accusers' Charge of "Dictatorship"

HER DISMISSAL ASKED

Suspended Governor's Aid Appears Before House Committee

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Mrs. Mamie Hammonds, center of Oklahoma's two-year political revolt, faced her accusers today.

Mrs. Hammonds, diminutive but dominant confidential secretary to Henry S. Johnston, impeached and suspended governor, appeared as the chief witness in an inquiry which has turned Oklahoma's politics upside down.

This dimpled and disarming young secretary, witnesses charge, is the woman who shook her fist in the governor's face when he opposed her, but wept for thirty minutes when the General Assembly impeached him for corruption and incompetency.

Mrs. Hammonds appeared before thirty men constituting a House investigating committee, climaxing three weeks of legislative investigation in which she has been branded as the political dictator of the Statehouse.

She will answer allegations that she controlled the governor, dictated passages, hired and discharged employees and sat in secret executive councils.

For the first time in the state's history feminine color entered the usually drab and masculine politics of the Statehouse. Gov. Johnston created for her the office of confidential secretary. Not long after that, political supporters of the governor completed Gov. Hammonds' presence. Advisors demanded she be dismissed.

The governor's refusal was the beginning of the political rebellion which started under a slogan aimed at Mrs. Hammonds and terminated this week with the suspension of the governor. Gov. Johnston refused to let his secretary "sneak about to be slaughtered" soon after the trouble started. The "sneak about" has been going on ever since.

GIRLS DECIDE NOT TO GO TO MEXICO

Annual Stephens College Trip May Be to Chicago

"My judgment would say that the Stephens College trip to Mexico City is definitely off," President James M. Wood announced this morning. "It has been the custom that our annual trip to the south of the border, which would mean that a little over 300 students would make the trip. Although 344 students voted for the trip before the Christmas holidays, only 175 students are in favor of the trip at the present time."

President Wood said that a mass meeting would be called next Monday or Tuesday to make further plans and vote on some other trip.

"There are several things which might enter into this variation," President Wood said. "Some of the students probably voted without the consent of their parents, although we usually consult the parents before registration in the college and they understand that the annual trip is made. Probably another cause is the trouble in Mexico and reports that some girls were kidnapped and carried to the mountains."

It will also be impossible to make the trip to Cuba, which was second choice at the last vote. According to President Wood, boats cannot be chartered at this time of the year which are large enough to carry the entire party. The demand for the smaller boats, too, is great at this time of the year and the cost of the steamship companies will not allow a low enough rate to insure the trip.

At the next mass meeting trips will be offered in the South, East, and North. There is a possibility that the girls will make a trip to Chicago and spend the time in sight-seeing and attending theaters, dinners and operas.

The first of the Stephens College trip was made in the spring of 1928, when President Wood took a number of students to St. Louis to see "The Miracle." The following year the girls went to Chicago and last year the trip was made to Washington, D. C., and New York City.

TEACHERS ASSN. HOLDS MEET

Decides to Hold Educational Fair in Courthouse March 15

DR. D. E. THOMAS TO CENTRAL

Will Begin Duties at Fayette College

The Rev. David E. Thomas, who for six years was connected with the University of Missouri Bible College and who for the past three months filled a temporary position at the New Mexico Normal University, has been appointed acting professor of philosophy at Central College, Fayette.

Prof. Thomas will begin his work Monday at the opening of the second semester. He succeeds Dr. W. H. Bernhardt, a member of the Central faculty for the past year and a half, whose resignation was accepted this week.

Prof. Thomas will conduct classes in introduction to history, modern history of philosophy, and ethics. His family will remain in Columbia. While here Prof. Thomas was pastor of the Congregational Church.

TWO DELEGATES IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Herman Altmsted and Mrs. Frederick Dunlap, Arts at Central College, will be delegates of the Women's Auxiliary of the Calvary Episcopal Church to the convention held in St. Louis yesterday.

The Rev. David E. Haupt, and E. A. Logan, who were the church delegates to the convention of the diocese of Missouri, also were present. The Rev. Mr. Haupt, with the Rev. A. E. Woodward of Palmyra, led the convention prayer service Wednesday morning.

HIGHWAYS STILL IN BAD CONDITION

Busses on Schedule Today in Spite of Slick Pavements

Bus officials announced today that highways 40 and 63 are still in bad condition despite considerable thawing. Yellow and Grayhound coaches were running on schedule this morning.

Because of slippery pavements yesterday the 1:45 p. m. and 2:15 p. m. Grayhound buses were two hours late in arriving in Columbia. The 1:20 p. m. and 5 p. m. busses were about fifteen minutes late. Yellow and Grayhound coaches were running on schedule today.

Highway 40, about ten miles west of Booneville, where three busses were held up a few days ago because of the icy conditions, still is slippery, but no dangerous, it was said.

No highway accidents had been reported up to noon today.

LOCAL SHIPPERS NAME DIRECTORS

Three Are Re-elected at Annual Meeting Here Today

John A. Gilbert, Paul Henderson, and J. W. Maxwell were re-elected directors of the Columbia Co-operative Livestock Shipping Association at its annual meeting held today at the Courthouse. The personnel of the remainder of the board remains the same with W. W. Portney, president; T. T. Atkins, secretary; and Robert Moore, vice-president. R. B. Akeman is also a member of the board.

E. R. Hines, hog salesman for the Producers' Livestock Association of St. Louis attended the meeting, and congratulated the local association for attaining first place in the number of cars of stock shipped last year. Rushville, Ill., took second place, he said. Columbia shipped 415 cars in 1928.

F. H. Russell, manager, read the annual report of the business done by the local association. According to this report the grand total of all shipments, net, to the shippers amounted to \$667,157.96, and the heads of stock shipped for the year numbered 31,346.

A comparison of the business for the last four years shows that the local association has steadily increased in amount of cars, number of members, net to shippers, and refund checks. It has purchased a \$1000 government bond from treasury surplus.

CAMPUS WRITERS SUSPENDED

Authors of "Hell's Bells" Sheet at U. of California Expelled

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Thirteen students of University of California, members of a journalistic organization which sponsored a campus publication "Hell's Bells," were under suspension today because the University "must be a decent place."

SCHOOL REPAIRS MADE

Grant Building Will Be Open Monday, Oliver Says

REBELS KILL 5000 CHINESE IN SOUTH HONAN

10,000 Disbanded Men Under Communists Burn Towns

MANY CHILDREN VICTIMS

American Priest Held for \$10,000 Ransom in Kiangsi

PEIPING, China, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Five thousand Chinese were estimated by American missionary reports today to have been killed in a Communist uprising in southern Honan Province.

The uprising was of wide extent. Hundreds of villages were destroyed. Helpless aged people and children were killed by 10,000 men who went about burning and pillaging the villages. The Rev. Frank Young, on Jan. 22, was captured by Communists, named Chu Teh and Mao Chi Tung.

The American consulate-general at Hankow reported to the department that the catholic mission at Kanchow, in Kiangsi Province, had announced that the Rev. Frank Young, on Jan. 22, was captured by Communists, named Chu Teh and Mao Chi Tung.

The Chinese Communists are holding Young, according to the report to the State Department, for 20,000 Chinese dollars or \$10,000 American gold. The report said that the ransom be paid within three days.

The consul at Hankow reported that direct representation has been made at Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, urging immediate action to obtain the missionary's release.

COLUMBIANS HOME FROM RIO GRANDE

Two of Group Visiting Southwest Purchase Land in Texas

Residents of Columbia who have just returned from the Rio Grande valley where C. E. Garey and F. E. Fraser have a citrus fruit development tract are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clinkscales, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Weathers, Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Dr. W. H. Brown, Ned Gordon, and Mr. Fraser.

Their last Saturday on the M-K-T. Railway and after changing at San Antonio to the Missouri Pacific, they were met at Harlingen, Tex., by automobiles. The rest of the trip through the valley, which is about 400 miles long, was made by motor.

This development project is at McAllen, Tex., where the group stayed at a club. The trip included visits to Point Isabel on the Gulf coast, Mercedes and Mission, Tex., and Reynosa, Old Mexico. McAllen is about forty miles from the Mexican border.

Mr. Fraser says that the trees were loaded with grapefruit, oranges, and other citrus fruits. The temperature varied between 65 and 85 degrees while they were there. He said the nights were cool, but that it was warm enough for the citrus trees to grow. The corn in this part of Texas is up about four inches.

E. C. Clinkscales, who owns twenty acres of land at McAllen which is bearing fruit, bought ten more acres and O. J. Weathers bought ten acres.

Hunting, fishing, and other sports are plentiful in the valley according to Mr. Fraser.

He says that the towns which had only three or four thousand population in 1921, now have twelve or fourteen thousand. Development projects are extending and he expects Texas to become the most productive area in the United States in citrus fruits.

WELFARE MEETING CHANGED

Conflict With Nurses' Gathering Sets Date Up to Jan. 30

The date for the meeting here of the Intercity Family Welfare Council has been changed from Thursday, Jan. 31, to Wednesday, Jan. 30. The reason for the change is that on Thursday the District Nurses' Association and members of this association are also members of the council.

CENTRALIA PIONEER DIES

Death Claims J. T. McNear, 82—Funeral Held Last Thursday

Joseph T. McNear, 82 years of age, who lived near Marshfield, died at the home of his son, Robert H. McNear, last Monday. Mr. McNear's health has been failing for some time and his death was not unexpected.

The body was shipped to the home of his grandson, Thomas McNear of Centralia. The funeral services were at the Allen Street Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon. The burial was in the Centralia Cemetery under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge, of which he had been a member for fifty-seven years.

His wife died in Centralia twenty-nine years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Laura Donelson of California; three sons, R. H. McNear of Marshfield; Joseph E. McNear of California; and Ed McNear of Centralia.

WADDELL GOES TO CHINA

Former M. U. Student Will Be Adviser to Government

J. A. J. Waddell, former student of the University, has left for China to accept the position of adviser to the Chinese ministry of railways, in accordance with a contract negotiated last year.

Mr. Waddell has been a consulting engineer in New York and Kansas City, having made the latter place his headquarters for the past few years. The University conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on him in 1904.

W. J. HETZLER AND BRIDE RECEIVE GIFT

Oriental Rugs Presented by Members of City Administration

Members of the city administration yesterday bought a pair of oriental rugs to present to Mayor W. J. Hetzler and his bride.

P. T. King, assistant chief of police, was in charge of the arrangements, having originated the idea, and he was aided by several others on the police force. The rugs were selected by Mrs. Owen Price, daughter of the mayor, for the donors. Today when Mayor and Mrs. Hetzler arrive at their home at 1 West Broadway the rugs will be on the floor.

All of the departments of the city government were represented. Those who shared in giving the present were: Police department—J. L. Whitesides, chief; P. T. King, assistant chief; L. B. Eubank, Harry Armstrong, A. Kanitzer, S. White, L. H. Mordica, B. O. Booth, G. Pearson, J. M. Whitesides, James Fenlon, and Chase Gilliland; fire department—T. M. Walden, chief, W. C. Kennedy, Max Woods, Leonard Neal, H. D. Windsor, Raymond Fenton, Jones, Howard F. Major, city attorney; J. S. Bicknell, city clerk; Dan Stewart, weighmaster; Grover Lanham, collector; A. G. Thompson, auditor; W. D. Stuart, building inspector; W. B. Cuthorn, engineer, and A. J. Sander, assistant engineer; J. W. Montgomery, inspector; W. D. Shaw, police judge; Ray Baldwin, treasurer; Emmett Points, assessor; councilmen—Ira L. Davis, W. C. Becker, W. W. Leonard, W. C. Etheridge, A. G. Platt, W. H. Galt, J. E. Hathman, and Tom Parsons; Tom Kennedy, street commissioner; A. D. Donner, superintendent water and light plant; T. W. Whittle, manager water and light office; and D. E. Crane, C. E. Blythe, George Rosenfeiter, E. Coleman, Harry Ballew, Mrs. K. N. Hart, E. Hill, Paul Winn, Paul Harrigan, R. Ray, J. E. Bartsch, James Via, L. S. Wolfe, Mrs. Hazel King, and Miss Ida Reed, all employees at the water and light offices and plant.

Others who joined in making the gift are M. T. Millaway, E. T. Whitesides, E. L. Rice, Bud Hawkins, Pearl Clarkson, librarian, and Joe Richardson.

2 BOUND OVER TO NEXT COURT TERM

Shelby and "Son" Smith Will Answer Burglary Charge Then

George Shelby and Willie ("Son") Smith were bound to appear before the April term of the Boone County Circuit Court to answer a charge of burglary. They were examined this morning in the justice court by John B. Bicknell who ordered them held for trial. Bond was fixed at \$1000 each which they failed to provide, and they were committed to jail.

Shelby and Smith were charged with breaking into the Waller Clothing Store in Centralia Jan. 11, and carrying away goods valued at \$161. The case for the state was based mostly on witnesses' report of a confession by Shelby who admitted the theft himself and implicated Smith. From the time of arrest until the examination today Shelby had been held in the city jail and Smith in the county jail to prevent communication between the two prisoners.

Earl Donald, Henry Daniels, and Marion Drew, negroes, were held with Maggie Hale, Fisher, negro woman, in the April term of the Circuit Court on a charge of assault and robbery of John Winnigar on Jan. 12. In the preliminary hearing before Judge Bicknell only Winnigar was questioned. Prosecuting Attorney Franklin Reagan conducted the case for the state and W. C. McCluskey represented the four defendants.

Well-Known Engineer Dies

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Dr. Leonard Waldo, 75, one of America's foremost electrical and mechanical consulting engineers, died in his home here today after a brief illness.

BUDGETRY PLAN GIVEN BOOST IN JOINT HEARING

Tax Commission May Be Given More Power—No New Bureau

CONSOLIDATION APPROVED

Hopes for Central Purchasing Fade as Opposition Increases

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—That the joint legislative committee is approaching budgetary and consolidation in a friendly spirit, was indicated in its first public hearing yesterday.

The committee of senators and representatives started their work at the suggestion of Gov. Henry S. Caulfield, who favors the adoption of budgetary and the consolidation of related activities in the state government.

Forrest O. Donnell of St. Louis, managing director of the Associated Industries of Missouri, Cornelius Roach of Kansas City, chairman of the legislative committee, for the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Virgil Loeb of St. Louis, chairman of the legislative committee of the Missouri League of Women Voters, were the principal speakers.

Members of the Special Committee said they would hold another meeting next week, at which time experts on consolidation and budgetary would be invited to appear and give their views to the committee.

Much Data Already Collected

It now appears certain that the budgetary powers of the State Tax Commission will be extended as far as possible under the state constitution and that some consolidations may be worked out. There appears to be a demand for the adoption of the plan for the state government, and it is doubtful if the committee will recommend any legislation for such a system.

Director Donnell of the Associated Industries told the committee that his organization had been making a survey for three years on budgetary and consolidation. He said all of the data and information gathered by the study would be made available to the committee.

Cornelius Roach of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce commended the committee for the spirit that has been shown toward the proposals for budgetary and consolidation.

The Kansas City man, in discussing the needs of the state, said the elementary and educational institutions of the state should be included through a \$20,000,000 bond issue.

The other members of the legislative committee of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce attending the hearing were Oscar Thomas, Cal McGee, and W. B. Jenkins.

Business Methods Urged

The St. Louis Chamber of Commerce was represented at the hearing by J. J. Nangle.

Director Donnell of the Associated Industries, speaking for his organization, said in part:

"The adoption of modern business methods by government has in other cases made municipalities prosper and have disposed to be an important factor in determining the location of new or expanding industries. Business in general, looking forward to the industrial and agricultural development of this state, is anxious to co-operate to the fullest extent in any constructive movement which will tend to produce the prosperity and happiness of the people of Missouri."

"With this idea in mind and in an effort to render a needed public service, the board of directors of the Associated Industries three years ago authorized and directed a survey of the revenue and expenditures of the various agencies of Missouri state government in an effort to secure facts which would be helpful in the development of a constructive plan for increased efficiency and economy in government. This research has been made at a very considerable cost and a vast amount of labor by special departments of the organization created solely for this purpose."

JACOB BITTLE'S WILL IS FOUND

Presence of Document in Harborsburg Bank Cannot Be Explained

The will of Jacob Bittle, who formerly lived near Wilton, Mo., was received by Probate Judge Bruton yesterday from H. A. Niemeyer, cashier of the Bank of Harborsburg. The will was found by Niemeyer in the bank's vault while he was searching for other papers. It was dated Jan. 5, 1918, and